



Chantilly Highlands Dolphins Dispatch, Number 9

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End-of-Season Recap

Swimmers and their families enjoyed great company and delicious Rita's Italian Ice on Saturday, July 23 night's end-of-season award ceremony and pool party. Thanks to **Andrea Ward** and **Michelle Grudi** for organizing the festivities and to **Chris Tacinelli** for an amazing slide show that captured some of our favorite moments from the season.

All of our swimmers were recognized for their contributions to the team with medals and time-drop ribbons. Individual swimmers who had contributed the most points during the dual meets, shown the biggest improvement during the season, broken team or league records, or been identified as "rising stars" on the team were also recognized. And our Minis and Juniors were among the swimmers who received the famous paper-plate awards that our assistant coaches create annually.

We only had one graduating swimmer this season, **Sarah Graupp**. We wish you the very best next year in college.

Thanks again to our inspiring team of assistant coaches who helped our kids all season to become better swimmers: **Kathleen Brophy, Janice Zhuang, Blair Mason, Brenna Ferris, Bradley Johnston, John Macdonald, and Michael Mason**. Each of you makes our 175+ kids look and feel like winners!

. . .and one last Goodbye

After 15 phenomenal years, it is with great sadness that the **Bill and Terri Marlin** have decided to retire as CHD Head Coaches. Not only have they enriched our swim program, they have impacted each and every swimmer over the last 15 years to strive to do their best.

Thank you to Bill and Terri for dedicating so much of yourselves to our children and our community.

Season in Review

We were fortunate enough to have a bonus Developmental meet on July 20th against the Arlington Knights of Columbus. This gave our swimmers an extra opportunity to achieve faster times.

Divisionals & All Star Meets

During Saturday Divisional meets, we had 19 Dolphin swimmers who were fast enough to qualify for All Stars. Four alternates were also selected, for a total of 23 swimmers, but the alternates only swam if one of the top 12 couldn't swim at the All Star meet.

Congratulations to the following swimmers from the **All Stars Meet**:

**Akanksha Alok
Lauren Contos
Timmy Contos
Celie Feighery
Brenna Ferris
Sarah Graupp
Megan Hern
John Macdonald
Blair Mason
Chris Grimmett-Norris**

**Alex Orlov
Katya Orlov
Christina Peters
Liam Rowell
Alexis Tacinelli
Michael Tacinelli
Maggie Weaver
Yanglan Xu
Cynthia Zhuang**

And alternates:

**Matthew Guo
Jonathan Guo**

**Brandon Liu
Wade Burnette**

All meet results and final ladders are on the website, www.chdolphins.net.

Winter Swim

Looking for a way to keep your swimmers' strokes strong between now and next summer? Winter swim is held most Saturdays between September and May from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Cub Run Rec Center. Registration details are on the CH Dolphins website. Or follow the following link:

<http://www.chdolphins.net/Downloads/63/winterflier2011.pdf>

Registration deadline is August 12.

Recognition

Congratulations to **Kathryn Munson** who earned her Gold Cap for achieving legal times in all four strokes.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Many, thanks to each and every swim family for contributing countless volunteer hours to the league. Our swim season would not have been as successful without your support.

There were quite a few families who went above and beyond this season: **Peggy & Doug David**, and **Kelly & Mark Rowell** who willing volunteered at every Wednesday and Saturday meet.

Also a special thanks to our Chantilly Highlands Dolphins Committee members. For these people, the swim season goes beyond May – July. Their involvement runs year-long to make sure our swim team runs smoothly. Thank you to the following people for your constant commitment to our team:

**Martha Macdonald
Sarah Chichester
Becky Munson
CJ Peters
Scott Peters
Michelle Cades**

Parents, It's Time to DIVE IN!

If your kids have enjoyed the swim team and you are interested in playing a bigger role next season, we are always looking for volunteers to help. No prior experience necessary—just a willingness to learn!

Contact chdolphins@gmail.com or talk to one of our current committee members for additional information.